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New Study Announcement

The National Research Council (NRC) has appointed the Committee on Water Resources Management, Instream Flows, and Salmon Survival in the Columbia River. The committee will review scientific knowledge of environmental conditions related to salmonid survival rates in the Columbia River. The committee will also assess risks to salmonids at critical stages in salmonid life cycles under a range of Columbia River system water management scenarios—including diversions for hydropower and other purposes—under both historical and present hydrological conditions. The committee will focus its review on the mainstem Columbia River in the State of Washington. The Washington State Department of Ecology is the study sponsor.

The committee intends to meet four times during 2003 and plans to issue its report in Spring 2004. Its first meeting is scheduled for February 3-4 in Richland, Washington. Subsequent meeting schedules and agendas will be posted on The National Academies web site at http://www.nationalacademies.org/wstb. Staff officers for the study are Dr. Jeffrey Jacobs of the NRC's Water Science and Technology Board, and Dr. David Policansky of the NRC's Board on Environmental Studies and Toxicology. Ms. Ellen de Guzman of the Water Science and Technology Board is serving as the study's research associate. For more information, please contact Dr. Jacobs at jjacobs@nas.edu.

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